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### MISSION

The mission of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice is to protect the public through a balanced approach of comprehensive services that prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency through partnerships with families, schools, communities, law enforcement and other State agencies, while providing the opportunity for delinquent youth to develop into responsible and productive citizens.

### DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile Court Services Unit (JCSU) is a statutorily mandated agency which carries out the directions of the Court for professional supervision and services. The JCSU has three basic components: Probation, including monitoring and supervising juveniles and their families per the order of the Court; Intake, the “taking in” and processing of new complaints and cases; and Special Programs, an array of specialized services to restore juveniles and their families to law abiding behavior. JCSU provides services on a 24 hour on-call basis after regular business hours. These court-ordered programs and services include the following: Anger Management, Building Opportunities for Youth, Community Service Work, Court Service Unit Introductory Detention Experience, Detention Alternative Program, Educationally Occupy, Family Abuse Program, Gang Response Intervention Team, GRACE Mentoring, Graduated Incentive Program, Junior Firesetters Program, Law Related Education, Leadership Awareness for Parents, Mediation, Operation Accountability, Post-Dispositional Program, Prevention/Intervention Team, Restitution, Restorative Justice, School Probation Program, Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program, Sex Offender Program, Shoplifting Program, Substance Treatment Opportunity Program, Supervised Release Program, Young Offender Program, and Volunteer/College Intern Program.

### BUDGET OVERVIEW

#### **FY 07 Issues, Challenges & Trends:**

- JCSU services are significantly impacted by Loudoun’s population growth, especially since much of that growth is occurring in the juvenile age group. Additionally, there is a significant increase in youth who are already experienced in juvenile court involvement.
- Language and culture barriers put pressure on the system. This is an issue for public safety and optimum service delivery to delinquent youth, their families, and the community at large.
- Converting from office-based to school-based probation will continue. Loudoun County currently has ten high schools of which five have converted. Data reveals that having a probation officer in the school results in improved attendance, academic performance and behavior. The adopted budget includes 1.07 FTE to expand services at County high schools.
- Prevention, intervention and educational programming to maintain gang response strategies, both locally and regionally, will continue to be provided.
- There is a need to expand effective non-judicial alternatives to community conflict.

#### **FY 07 Major Goals:**

- Expand the detention alternative program to reduce the frequency and length of stay of detentions.
- Continue to improve and develop graduated sanctions for treating and supervising juvenile offenders, including expanding use of the supervised release program.
- Continue to offer and develop a continuum of services for youth who are at risk of offending, as well as those who are offending, in order to provide Loudoun County residents with a healthy and safe place for youth and families.
- Develop and provide professional probationary services for civilly filed domestic violence cases.
- Expand the Loudoun County School Probation project to include two additional probation officers in two high schools.
- Continue to develop alternatives to formal court adjudication using the Restorative Justice models.
- Fully support the interagency balanced approach to gangs, both locally and regionally.
- Implement increased intake services by providing staff availability to maintain the County’s ratio of intakes into the system at 6 per 1,000 population (State intake average is 9 per 1,000).

#### **FY 06 Major Achievements:**

- The Restorative Justice Program is the first in the Commonwealth to expand reentry procedures from juvenile correctional centers into the community and to deal with sensitive sexual victimization cases.
- The School Probation Program is now in 50% of high schools and has been a model for implementation in other jurisdictions in the Commonwealth.
- The Supervised Release Program is being used at intake, probation and parole. The program has achieved a \$1.2M savings for Loudoun County.
- The Gang Response Intervention Team Coordinator, housed within the JCSU, has played a pivotal role in coordinating a multi-agency, and multi-disciplinary team approach to responding to gang activity, locally and regionally. The Loudoun GRIT model has been adopted by many Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

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### Department Financial Summary

Departmental Financial Summary	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Actual	FY 06 Adopted	FY 07 Adopted
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	\$749,832	\$871,563	\$922,083	\$1,332,000	\$1,512,000
Operations & Maintenance	84,704	185,898	266,264	240,000	366,000
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	30,000	22,000
Other	0	0	17,812	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$834,536</b>	<b>\$1,057,461</b>	<b>\$1,206,159</b>	<b>\$1,602,000</b>	<b>\$1,900,000</b>
<b>Departmental Revenue</b>					
Local Fees, Charges, Etc.	\$250	(\$54)	\$260	\$0	\$0
Commonwealth	101,389	102,294	0	0	0
Federal	90,953	246,029	268,867	142,000	90,000
Federal Foster Care Reimbursement	39,026	63,703	140,910	70,000	0
Other	0	0	17,312	0	0
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$231,618</b>	<b>\$411,972</b>	<b>\$427,349</b>	<b>\$212,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>Local Tax Funding:</b>	<b>\$602,918</b>	<b>\$645,489</b>	<b>\$778,810</b>	<b>\$1,390,000</b>	<b>\$1,810,000</b>
<b>County FTE:</b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>16.58</b>	<b>17.65</b>	<b>19.79</b>	<b>20.86</b>
<b>State FTE:</b>	<b>14.98</b>	<b>14.98</b>	<b>14.98</b>	<b>14.98</b>	<b>14.98</b>
<b>FTE Summary:</b>	<b>27.28</b>	<b>31.56</b>	<b>32.63</b>	<b>34.77</b>	<b>35.84</b>

**FY 07 Board Action:** The FY 07 Adopted Fiscal Plan for Juvenile Court Services Unit includes enhancements totaling 1.07 FTE and \$135,000 in additional local tax funding for a school probation officer as well as \$173,000 in local tax funding in grant replacement for the Federal Domestic Violence, Foster Care, Sex Offender, and Detention Alternatives grants. The FY 07 budget also includes funding for implementation of compensation increases and increased benefits costs effective September 2006.

Additional information on this department's Capital Improvement Program projects can be found in Volume 2 on pages 514 and 515. Information on scheduled projects for the Capital Asset Preservation Fund can be found in Volume 2 in tables beginning on page 606.

#### Budget History:

FY 02: The Board approved enhancements totaling 2.70 FTE for two additional probation officers and a part time office assistant.

FY 03: The Board approved 1.07 FTE for an additional probation officer to be funded with Federal Foster Care Reimbursement funds. The FTE count was adjusted for 0.03 FTE not used for the part time office assistant in FY 02.

FY 03 Mid-Year: A Federal grant for Probation Officers in Schools totaling \$498,000 over 2 years was received and the Board added 4.28 FTE for this program.

FY 05: One position (1.07 FTE) was added for the Gang Response Intervention Team Coordinator.

FY 05 Mid-Year: The department received a Federal grant for an interdepartmental Domestic Violence program (1.07 FTE) and a Federal Detention Alternative grant (1.07 FTE).

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### Planned Accomplishments/Objectives for FY 07

**Goal:** Continue and expand the Loudoun County School Probation Program.

**Objective:** Increase the number of in-school probation officers to one additional Loudoun County high school. (total of six high schools).

<i>Performance Measures</i>	<b>Actual FY 04</b>	<b>Actual FY 05</b>	<b>Est. FY 06</b>	<b>Proj. FY 07</b>
Number of LCPS high schools/	8/	10/	10/	10/
Number of LCPS high schools with probation officers housed in school	3	3	5	6
Rate of recidivism within a year of original offense for schools with probation officer/rate at schools with no probation officer	8%/25%	7.6%/24.6%	7%/24%	6.5%/23%
Average number of absences for court involved youth at schools with probation officer/average number at schools with no probation officer	9.4/21.91	8.7/21.01	8/20	7.5/20

**Goal:** Continue full implementation of increased intake services.

**Objective:** Manage the continuing growth (8% annually) in complaints and intake by expanding formal after hours coverage for intake.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	<b>Actual FY 04</b>	<b>Actual FY 05</b>	<b>Est. FY 06</b>	<b>Proj. FY 07</b>
Criminal complaints issued/number of intakes	1,835/ 1,220	1,621/ 1,165	1,734/ 1,246	1,751/ 1,333
Domestic relations complaints issued/number of intakes	764/N/A	948/820	1,014/877	1,084/938
Change in complaint volume	8%	1%	7%	7%

**Goal:** Develop new domestic violence protocol, using a multi-agency approach.

**Objective:** Provide professional intake and probation services to the civilly filed domestic violence cases in 85% of new cases.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	<b>Actual FY 04</b>	<b>Actual FY 05</b>	<b>Est. FY 06</b>	<b>Proj. FY 07</b>
Civil domestic violence complaints issued	132	194	208	223
Domestic violence offenders monitored/total domestic violence offenders	N/A	25%/194	85%/208	85%/223

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### Planned Accomplishments/Objectives for FY 07 - Continued

**Goal:** Expand effective non-judicial alternatives to community conflict.

**Objective:** Continue to develop alternatives to formal court adjudication using the Restorative Justice models.

<i>Performance Measures</i>	<b>Actual FY 04</b>	<b>Actual FY 05</b>	<b>Est. FY 06</b>	<b>Proj. FY 07</b>
Successful Restorative Justice Cases	44	48	72	96
% of Recidivist	4%	3%	4%	4%